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1. Malbork (Marienburg) Airfield [5402N-1907E], elevation 24 m., is six to eight kilometers east of Malbork and 20 km. northwest of Elblag [5410N - 1923E]. [Enclosure A, Pinpoint Location of Malbork Airfield]. The field is one kilometer south of the RR tracks [Enclosure B, point #2], 1 1/2 km. south of the highway [Enclosure B, point #1,] and two kilometers south of the Nogat River.
2. The airfield was square, but [] the dimensions. It could be extended eastward. There were no perimeter tracks or revetments on the airfield. The field's surface was level, but soft and usually muddy. Drainage was poor. There was a small drainage ditch on the north side of the field, but [] the location. There were 50-meter-high hills from 500 to 800 m. west of the field, and in line with the runway. There were no other obstructions. [] electric power lines on the field, but do not know the source of the electric power. Water was brought from Malbork to the field in large trucks. [] construction or improvements, except for the usual minor repairs, being carried out.
3. The field had an aircraft capacity of 100 MIG 15 BIS and YAK-23's. [] there were from 16 to 20 MIG 15 BIS and 25 YAK-23 type aircraft on the field. All hangars had repair and storage facilities. At night, when aircraft were not in use, they were towed into the hangars.

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4. Flying operations were carried out the year round. Meteorological factors did not affect flying operations. Flying activity at the field varied. Pilots averaged six flights a day, both day and night flights. An average flight lasted approximately 18 min. There were training schools for night and weather flying and some advanced training for new pilots.
5. There was a military hospital in Malbork, but [redacted] its location. A truck served as a mobile aid station for the airfield. The only transportation facilities to and from the field were trucks, which were used by the pilots. There were no antiaircraft gun positions on the field. There were no air raid shelters, nor was the field camouflaged.
6. Malbork Airfield was administered by the Polish Air Force. Two regiments, the 26th and the 41st, were stationed at the field. [redacted] of personnel. [redacted]

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9th Fighter Div. (Hq. in town of Malbork)

CO and Airfield Commander : Col. (fnu) KOLPAKOW (Soviet)
 Chief of Staff : Lt. Col. (fnu) FABER (Pole)
 Division Political Officer : Capt. (fnu) KUBUS (Pole)

26th Fighter Regt. (Hq. on Malbork Airfield)

CO : Maj. (fnu) GOLBICKI (Soviet)

41st Fighter Regt. (Hq. on Malbork Airfield)

CO : Maj. (fnu) LAZAR (Pole)
 Deputy CO : Lt. Felix NADOWSKI
 Chief of Staff : Capt. Henryk CZERNOWICZ
 Instructor Pilot : Lt. Col. (fnu) IWANOW (Soviet)
 Political Deputy CO : Lt. (fnu) KOWALSKI
 Regt. Political Officer : WO (fnu) PIETRZYK
 Operations Officer : Lt. (fnu) NOWICKI
 Personnel Officer : 2nd Lt. (fnu) WADLEWSKI
 Engineering Officer : 2nd Lt. (fnu) PRZYBOROWSKI
 Gunnery Officer : Lt. Michal SKOWRONSKI
 Armament Officer : Lt. (fnu) WIECKOWSKI
 Communications Officer : 2nd Lt. (fnu) KIELOK
 Navigation Officer : 2nd Lt. Tadeusz FILIPOWICZ

1st Squadron

CO : Lt. Zdzislaw SKRZYDLOWSKI
 Chief of Staff : 2nd Lt. Henryk WRONA
 Political Officer : WO Wladyslaw CHYLA

2nd Squadron

CO : Lt. Kazimierz LAWNICZAK
 Chief of Staff : Lt. (fnu) SZYMCZYK
 Political Officer : WO (fnu) GOSPODARCZYK

3rd Squadron

CO : 2nd Lt. Roman LACHCIK
 Political Officer : WO (fnu) WLECIAL

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Pinpoint Location of Malbork Airfield. (Overlay of GSGS 4416, Scale 1:100,000, Sheet K-13, Marienburg.)
- B. Memory Sketch of Malbork Airfield
- C. Memory Sketch of Landing T.

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